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HERBERT WARD TALKS OF STAN-LEY'S CHANCES FOR SAFETY.

He Is in Great Peril Now, and His Admirers Anxiously Ask Each Other: "Will He Pull Through?"-Graphic Pictures of African Incidents of Travel.

[Special Correspondence]

New York, wr. a-In an interview with Herbert Ward, the only man who has thus far returned from the Emin Pasha expedition and brought us direct news from Heary M. Stanley, there are few themes more interesting than that which relates to the personality of this distinguished explorer.

A handsome photograph of the intrepid traveler, quaintly mounted between ivory tusks, rested on an easel among the collecthe center table in the room of Mr.
Ward at the Everett house, but
it recalled few of the features of the
Stanley whom many of us met on his return to New York in 1873, after his discovery of Dr. Livingsten, and when, it may be said parenthetically, some of the newspapers, now only too glad to applaud, unmercifully denounced him as an adventurer and a fraud. Then, his hair was dark, his face full and unwrinkled and his form stoutly rounded. Now, his picture represents a man who has grown old twenty years in ten. The hair seems almost grizzly; deep lines are around the eyes; the lips are gripped more firmly; an expres-sion of care pervades the features, and the sparse figure looks as if its sharp outlines had been hammered out on some hard anvil. The subject naturally suggested the conversation.

"In what do you think consists the success of your old chief?" inquired the writer. "In his wonderful hardibood, his familiarity with the country, his justice in dealing with the natives, his resources when reduced to straits that would appall most men, and the cheerful perseverance with which he pushes on to the achievement of an under-taking. Why, for hundreds of miles beyond regions he never has penetrated, his fame has gone before him, so that in entering even a strange tribe, unless it is avowedly hostile, he is always sure of a welcome. Throughout all those vast regions his native name, "Bula Matadi"—the stone breaker—commands respect and esteem, and his just but determined dealings with the different tribes with which he comes in contact sustain the reputation that precedes him on his journeys. Especially remarkable are his power and authority over his Zanzibar men. By them he is looked upon as a sort of a father, and the intimate knowledge of their language and peculiarities of which he is possessed gives him a position that is at once strong and unique.

"It is now some fifteen years since he first became acquainted with these people, and during all this time he has made it a feature of his work to become more and more like themselves. There is no more interesting or familiar picture in the "Stanley camp" than nted in the calm of evening when, resting after the day's weary march, these men group themselves around their fires to indulge in their stories founded upon Arabic legends and savage folklore, while in their midst sits their striking looking leader drawing forth theatrical recital and provoking enthusiasm by his lively interest and frements. Naturally, the influence if such a man over them is magical. When they are too wild or gay, one word from him reduces them to silence, while in hard times, when food is scarce and the weather bad, his cheery tones electrify and spur them on to renewed effort. So, with all his people, white and black, Stanley is most kind, entering freely into their affairs, and strengthening their adhesion by his sympathy in all their troubles. Nevertheless, his position never allows the least relaxation of the stern and inflexible rules of government, and wrongdoing is certain to be followed by punishment administered in a strictly fair and impartial way. It is here that his calm promptitude produces such a marvelous ef-fect, for treacherous by nature and some-times unwilling in their servitude, the na-tives are only controlled by an undeviating

not conscientiously reveal them, because all the officers of his expedition are under a pledge not to make known any of the details concerning his movements prior to his own publications. It is also a peculiarity of the situation that Stanley's own people are just as ignorant as those at home concerning his plans. He is a man who emphatically lets not his left hand know what his right hand doeth, and this will, in a measure, account for the sparcity of the details which he has sent home, even to the highest authorities, concerning his progress from time to time. It is one of Stanley's striking poculiarities; he does his work first, communicating his ideas to no man, and talks about it afterwards. If he fails, he holds himself alone re-

My impression-and it is only an impression-is that Stanley and Emin Pasha are, at the present time, in the neighborhood of Uganda, stopping there, and probably taking advantage of the unsettled state of the country occasioned by the dethronement by the Arabs of Mwanga, son of the renowned Mtesa, the great sultan of Uganda, to initiate some systematic government that will permit of the organization of a caravan route between the Emin Pasha country in the Congo free state and the Albert Nyanza lake and thence to Mombassa, the scaport of the Imperial East African company

By what route will be travel back!" 'I could make my answer clearer with the sid of a map, but I may say in general terms that his course will probably be through the territory lately acquired by the Royal Charter East African company, which would also lead him to Mombassa. The route is a new one, however, and the dangers and difficulties are likely to equal if not surpass any that Stanley ever has encountered. You see, no two tribes are allie - all are treacherousmany of them are man enters, and the cliwhite the constant of Free Stonley with

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"I suppose it is well understood that, as soon as Stanley arrives in Europe, he will publish an account of his explorations?"
"That is beyond doubt, and if anything

should happen to him, his memoranda are so copious and in Such shape that they may be readily utilized by others. These records are kept in the most careful manner, the notes are made at the instant of a discovery and its verification, and no data of geographical, historical or of other scientific importance escapes his scrutiny. It is worth mentioning here that the earliest maps made by Stanley, when the country was new to him, have stood the test of experience, and their accuracy to

the present day remains unquestioned."
"If it is not an impertment question, how

oid you happen to be attracted to such a God forsaken country, and when did you first meet Henry M. Stanley?"

"That part of the story is very briefly told," said Mr. Ward, who, by the way, rarely referred to himself in our interview, and interview. impresses one as a man of retiring manners. "After leaving school, or, rather, running away from it at the age of 15, I led a life of adventure and travel in various countries of the east, notably New Zeiland, Australia, Borneo and along the coasts of China and Japan, until ill health in the year 1884 forced me to return to England. As I regained strength, the old spirit of wandering revived, and in the following autumn I secured an official position under the king of Belgium and started for his domains in the Congo country. Here I hoped sooner or later to be thrown in contact with Stanley and to join his exploring expedition. The first year and a half I spent in traveling among the tribes of the Lower Congo, learning their language and familiarizing myself with their habits and peculiarities.

"I may say here that they are the most ig-"I may say here that they are the most ignorant and superstiticus people which it is
possible to conceive, being degraded beyond
the power of description. My term of service in the Congo state having expired in the
early part of 1887, I started on my way to
the coast from Bangala, which had been my
headquarters, intending to embark for Europe, when news was received of the apgreach of Stanley and the relief expedition. proach of Stanley and the relief expedition. The thought at once occurred that I might be able to render him important assistance by engaging and taking down the country some hundreds of natives for the manual transport of the loads of merchandise and ammunition which Stanley was taking into Central

"Our meeting was somewhat unexpected I had broken camp early one morning and was marching rapidly along, when in the distance, coming over the brow of a hill, I saw a tall Soudanese warrior bearing a yacht flag, which I learned later had belonged to James Gordon Bennett. Immediately behind him, mounted on a handsome mule, came Stanley, and then followed a procession in which were blended features that you would see nowhere outside of Africa, and could scarcely be imitated on the mimic

stage.
"In the rear of Stanley were his personal servants, attired in braided waistcoats and white robes. Then came Zanzibaris, with their blankets, water bottles, guns and am-munition belts; strong looking Soudanese soldiery, with hooded coats, their rifles on their backs and straps and leather belts around their bodies; porters bearing boxes of ammunition, to which were fastened axes, shovels, rope in coils, together with their own little bundles of clothing, which were in-variably rolled up in old, threadbare blankets. Stanley at once greeted me with great cordiality, and, dismounting, we took a seat by the wayside. It was pleasant to ives are only controlled by an undeviating administration of camp laws.

"Is it possible for you to indicate the present whereabouts or plans of Stanley?"

"It is not, but if I knew the facts I could allow case which, he remarked casually had silver case which, he remarked casually, had been given to him the night before his departure from England by the Prince of Wales, we enjoyed a smoke together, and then and there I offered my services as a volunteer in his expedition. There was no difficulty in the way, and with characteristic promptness Stanley at once made arrangements for a subsequent meeting of our people

at Stanley Pool. "Moving along the queer cavalcade, I now had an opportunity of more fully inspecting his outilt. At one point a boat was being carried in sections, suspended by poles, each of which was borne by four men. on was the Maxim gun, innoceut enough in appearance, but a dangerous weapon to enemies. Here and there was an English officer. By the way, two of them had paid \$10,000 each, or £2,000, for the privilege of joining the expedition. Denkeys, heavily laden with sacks of rice, were met with, and then the females of Tippoo Tib's harem, their faces concealed and their figures draped in bright colored clothes. To civilized eyes they were not a particularly attractive lot. A flock of large horned goats next came along, and after these the veritable Tippoo himself ap-peared in view, strutting with magisterial dignity in his flowing Arab robes and large turban, and carrying on his right shoulder a jewel hilted sword that had been presented to him by the sultan of Zanzibar as an emblem of office. At a respectful distance behind fol-lowed several Arab shelks, whose dignified bearing indicated that they quite appreciated the importance of their position. Altogether, the scene was picturesque and well calculated to produce the impression intended. It represented power and state, and to the simpl minds of the savages was something marvel ous. About 700 men were in line, embracing nany tribes and nationalities, Assyrians, Malagasys, Sondanese, Zanzibaris and others, each wearing the distinguishing garb of his

"Agreeably to appointment, I rejoined Stanley at Stanley Pool, and on the 1st of May we embarked together on a small launch for Bolobo, which was reached after ten days' steaming. Here we established the first temporary encomponent, and as it was a hostile region with a population of 40,000, I was placed in command of what was known as No. 1 company of Zanzibaris, 150 strong. and left in charge there with a single English officer as a companion and assistant. Of course, my knowledge of the language and previous experience stood me well in hand, and I had little difficulty with the natives

during my stay. "Mr. Stanley and the rest of the expedition meanwhile proceeded on to Aruwhimi, where he formed an intrenched camp on the Yambaya river, which he left under the command of Major Barttelot and Mr. J. S. Jamieson, Stanley himself with four officers and 400 picked men of the expedition starting on the 19th of June for the purpose of forcing their way through the forest to Emin Pasha. In due course of time, the Bolobo camp was broken up, and on the 14th of August, 1887, I proceeded with my little ferce to the in-trenched camp. We were now cut off from all communication with the outside world, for we were a thousand miles from the white man's seitlement at Stanley Pool,"

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"I don't want to die, mamma," she went on plaintively.

"But Ido, darling," said her mother.
"I want to die and go to heaven."

"Well, then, I guess I do," said the little one thoughtfully. What is

eaven, mamma? "Oh, it is a beautiful place, the most beautiful you could think of; where the streets are all bright with gold, and there are angels, and such pretty music as you never heard be-

Little May pondered the informa tion a moment, then she asked ear

mamma?"-Portland Transcript.

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The man was gone a surprisingly long time, but at last reappeared and announced that the dog weighed 120 pounds.

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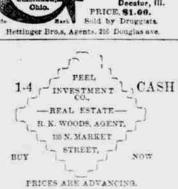


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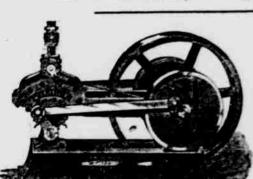
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